

# Luckington Community School

## September 2025 Newsletter

It has been so lovely to welcome you all back to school this month, even though it has not been the return that we all were hoping for.

I am going to use this first newsletter to give information about some of the new ideas that we will try this year and to explain how we are managing in the interim recruitment period after Mrs Neilson left.

### Thank you to FOLS!

The Friends Of Luckington School work tirelessly throughout the school year to raise funds for equipment and activities that enrich the educational experience of children at Luckington.

The Welcome Bar B Q tomorrow is a fantastic example of what it is like when FOLS put on an event.

If you would like to be involved, new ideas are always welcomed and so please make yourself known to one of the committee. Hope to see you soon!

### Stars Assembly

This assembly happens on Fridays at 2:45pm and it is an opportunity for the children to be recognised by their teachers in front of their parents and the whole school. You will be told if your child is due to be in this assembly on Thursdays so that you can attend.

The headteacher's award this term will be linked to our golden behaviour rules. Please ask your children what the focus is each week.



### Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have a fantastic club offer here and this was also recognised by Ofsted.

Clubs are extra-curricular and are not intended for child care, so please encourage your child to attend every week.

We try not to cancel clubs as we know this causes difficulties. We try to advertise any dates we can't run the club in advance so please do note those in your diaries when booking.

### Attendance

Our attendance target, which is set by the Governors of the school, is 96%. The guidance on attendance was updated last summer. I recommend that you read the attendance policy and would discourage you from taking term time holidays. Our learning is sequential and even missing one day means there will be a gap in the child's learning.

### Sports Festivals

Throughout the year the children in Class Two will have the opportunity to take part in sports festivals organised by the Malmesbury Cluster of Primary Schools. We are grateful that everyone in that cluster has stepped up to help organise an event after the coordinator's role was withdrawn. Mrs Newman is our PE subject lead and will be organising an event this year. Thank you Mrs Newman.

Children are picked to attend festivals on a rotation across the whole year and all are encouraged to participate in something.



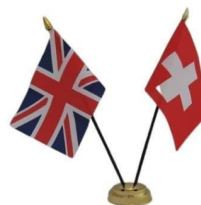
### Safeguarding

As our school site is quite open, we hope you understand our need to follow procedures that ensure that we keep our children safe.

Please use the front door during the school day if you need to collect your child.

### Swiss Students

Our Swiss teacher training students arrived on Monday and they will stay for three weeks. This is an annual event and provides valuable intercultural experience for the children and the students.



### School Finance Manager

The role is advertised on the website and in the Wiltshire Bulletin. I am hopeful that we will have a new member of the team after October half term. In the meantime I will be covering as much of the admin side as I can and a School Business Manager from another LA school will be over once a week to complete the finances. Mrs Neilson is also here once a week to ensure smooth handover.

### School Dinners

It is now more than ever necessary for dinners to be ordered **IN ADVANCE**. We need the numbers on Sunday evening so we can inform the pub. Mrs Neilson could do this on Monday morning, but I need to do this in advance. Please also change your order on the system if you alter it, as currently I have to check the individual names of those children having dinners daily, especially in class 2. Many thanks!

### LEARNING TOGETHER SESSIONS

A Learning Together session is an opportunity for you to step into the classroom and learn alongside your children. It's a chance to see first-hand how your child engages in lessons, experience the kinds of activities they enjoy, and gain a clearer understanding of the curriculum they're working through.

These sessions are relaxed, friendly, and designed to celebrate learning—no tests or pressure, just shared discovery and fun. We'd love for you to join us, connect with your child's learning journey, and see the wonderful things happening in our classrooms! The first session will be during Coding Week coming up soon!

### Wear and Share

We launched Wear and Share in July with a Welly swap and so now we are asking for Winter Coats, Hats and gloves. Please bring your items to donate to the playground tomorrow morning, where I can sort through in preparation for the main event on Friday 26th September, where the items will be laid out for you to help yourself to!

### Parent Consultation Evenings

Our first evenings for you to come along to a meeting with your child's teacher is coming up soon. On Wednesday 1st October and Thursday 2nd October you have an opportunity to sign up for a ten minute slot to discuss how your child has settled back into school. These are a vital beginning to the partnership that will build over time between us.

### Grounds Day!

On Thursday 23rd October we will spend another day tidying up the school grounds. This is the first day of the holidays, but myself and Mrs Bye come into school to improve the site and develop Forest School areas ready for the winter. There will be a shed to put up this year too, so if you have the know-how for this, please do let us know. I hope to see you there!

### Parking

Thank you so much for parking considerately. We understand that the situation can be tricky at times and that we have limited space available for parking.

You can always 'park and stride' from the village hall as an alternative as your child might like to earn the badges we give out in recognition for walking to school.



### Uniform, Coats and Wellies

Everyone is looking very smart in their new uniform. Please check the website for uniform information. Remember no makeup, which includes nail varnish please. Please also check that your child has wellies in school each day so that they can access all of our play areas. A waterproof coat is also advisable as we do tend to still go out to play in drizzle.



ates for the Diary - [Some are provisional and may change](#)

1.9.25 - TD Day

2.9.25 - Term 1 starts

14.9.25 - Swiss students arrive

19.9.25 - Winter coat collection

19.9.25 - FOLS Welcome BarBQ

25.9.25 - 3:15 Y6 and parents Morfa Bay Meeting

26.9.25 - Winter coat wear and share

29.9.25 - Coding Week

30.9.25 - Class 1 Learning Together Session time tbc

1.10.25 - Parent Consultation Evening

2.10.25 - Parent Consultation Evening

3.10.25 - Class 2 Learning Together Session time tbc

8.10.25 - Y3/4 Tag Rugby Festival

15.10.25 - Whole School Trip to the Corinium Museum

22.10.25 - Last day of term 1

23.10.25 - Grounds Day - 10am-2pm Help tidy up the school!

3.11.25 - TD day

4.11.25 - Term 2 starts

12.11.25 - Open Morning 9:15 - 11:30

18.11.25 - Christmas Jumpers and Nativity Costumes wear and share

5.12.25 - KS2 Cross Country Festival

12.12.25 - KS2 Swimming Gala

18.12.25 - Christmas Dinner followed by skittles!

19.12.25 - Last day of term 2

5.1.26 - TD day

6.1.26 - Term 3 starts

11.2.26 - Whole School Theme day at Oxenwood

13.2.26 - Last day of term 3

23.2.26 - Term 4 starts

24.2.26 - World Book Day Costume wear and share

??3.26 - Y3/4 Netball Development Festival

27.3.26 - Last day of term 4

13.4.26 - Term 5 starts

15.4.26 - Explorer Dome in School

5.5.26 - Summer hats and caps wear and share

11.5.26 - Y6 SATs week

22.5.26 - Last day of term 5

1.6.26 - TD day

2.6.26 - Term 6 starts

12 - 15.6.26 - Y6 to Morfa Bay

21.7.26 - Last Day of term 6 - Leavers Assembly

22.7.26 - TD day